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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2004 please take the following action.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Graupe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,025,721).

Claims 2-10 and 12-20 are allowed.

With Regard to Claims 1 and 11

Please cancel Claims 1 and 11. The listing of claims that follows shows these two claims as being canceled.